

NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT SWORN IN

The newly-elected President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Dr. Derviş Eroğlu has been sworn in. The new President took the oath at the TRNC National Assembly earlier today, April 24, 2010. This was followed by the Handing Over Ceremony that took place at the Presidential Palace.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-Moon, was among the first to congratulate Dr. Derviş Eroğlu after his inauguration. Ban Ki-Moon made a telephone call to President Eroğlu, this afternoon.

The United States of America also extended its congratulations this week. At his Daily Press Briefing on April 19, 2010, Philip J. Crowley, the Assistant Secretary at the Bureau of Public Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, conveyed the congratulations of the United States to Dr. Derviş Eroğlu. Crowley stated that the United States would have the opportunity in the coming days to sit down with the new leadership.

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Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Legislative Assembly;

Emphasizing that a peaceful, stable and cooperative environment in Cyprus and in the Eastern Mediterranean region to the benefit of all sides could only be achieved via a just and lasting settlement;

Taking note that despite the constructive initiatives of the Turkish Cypriot side and the United Nations Secretary General's efforts to contribute to the negotiations, the Greek Cypriot side, instead of focusing on the efforts to find a comprehensive settlement, acts against the spirit of negotiations by resorting to different paths and shying away from the intensified negotiations;

Regretting that the Greek Cypriot side, continuing to uphold its uncompromising position that was revealed to the whole world in the 2004 referendum, adopts unilateral and invalid decisions concerning the basic parameters of a solution instead of reaching a just and lasting agreement;

Taking into consideration the Greek Cypriot efforts to gain unilateral advantages by exploiting its European Union membership and resorting to ill intentioned methods vis-a-vis the property issue;

Unanimously;

- 1- Evaluates that decision of the Greek Cypriot House of Representatives taken on 19 February 2010 with regards to the issue of guarantees which hails from the international treaties, as an attempt without a good faith aiming to remove the significance as well as the basis of the negotiations of a comprehensive settlement;**
- 2- Calls on the international actors to see the reality that in spite of Turkish Cypriot side's continuing positive stance, this unacceptable approach of the Greek Cypriot side once again openly demonstrates which side is for a solution in Cyprus;**

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- 3- Emphasizes once again that the Turkish Cypriot people is ready for a just and lasting comprehensive agreement by which their legitimate rights and interests are safeguarded;
- 4- Reaffirms as the elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot people, the determination of the Turkish Cypriot side's to maintain its positive attitude; and supports the efforts of the UN Secretary-General;
- 5- Regards as its historic responsibility to emphasize that Republic of Turkey has, to this day, dedicatedly supported Turkish Cypriot people and provided peace and security on the island, and continuation of Turkey's full and effective guarantee in Cyprus constitutes for the Turkish Cypriot people a vital and basic parameter of a comprehensive settlement to be reached in the Island;
- 6- Emphasizes that the new partnership arrangement to be established by the comprehensive settlement negotiations in Cyprus would only be possible with the participation of all the parties to the 1960 Treaties of Guarantee and Alliance; and this fact could not be changed in any condition or in any circumstances, and that the Turkish Cypriot people will never allow such a change;
- 7- Points out that the latest decision adopted by the Greek Cypriot side on the issue of guarantees, as well as its many other detrimental attempts particularly vis-a-vis the property issue, made by exploiting its EU membership, are against the spirit of the ongoing negotiations; and invites the Greek Cypriot side to respect the Turkish Cypriot side's equal status, to show the necessary flexibility for continuing the negotiations, and to refrain from these kind of actions, falling outside the negotiating table, that will endanger the process;
- 8- Emphasizes once again that in the light of the Greek Cypriot side's negative attitude delaying a comprehensive settlement and hampering the negotiations, the Turkish Cypriot People will not allow the Turkish Cypriot side to remain patient for years to come;

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN THE TRNC

Prime Minister Dr. Derviş Eroğlu was elected as the new president of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in the presidential election held yesterday, April 18, 2010.

According to the results announced by the TRNC High Electoral Council, National Unity Party (NUP) candidate Dr. Derviş Eroğlu won 50.35 % of the votes. His closest rival, independent candidate, President Mehmet Ali Talat, received 42.87 % of the votes. The unofficial results are as follows:

Candidate	Percentage of Votes
Derviş Eroğlu	50.35
Mehmet Ali Talat	42.87
Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu	3.81
Zeki Beşiktepe	1.61
Mustafa Kemal Tümkan	0.79
Arif Salih Kırdag	0.43
Ayhan Kaymak	0.14

The turnout in the elections was 76.37 %, higher than five years ago when the turnout was 69.58 %.

Speaking after the announcement of the election results, Dr. Derviş Eroğlu stated: *"In order to defend the rights of our people at the negotiating table and in order to reach an honorable and viable settlement, The Cyprus talks will continue"*.

The new president is expected to be sworn into office in the Republic's Assembly a day after the publishing of the election results in the Official Gazette.

A copy of Dr. Derviş Eroğlu's biography is attached.

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DR DERVIŞ EROĞLU **PRESIDENT**

Dr. Derviş EROĞLU was born in Gazimağusa in the village of Ergazi in 1938.

After completing his primary and secondary education in Cyprus, he continued his education at Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine and graduated in 1963. He completed his assistantship in Ankara General Hospital and specialised as urologist.

He worked in the Gazi Mağusa State Hospital from 1972 to 1976.

In 1976 general elections in North Cyprus, he was elected as a member of the parliament from the National Unity Party (UBP) from Gazi Mağusa. He served as the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport between 1976-1977.

Between 1977-1983 he served as head of his party for Gazi Mağusa District.

He was the chairman of the Turkish Cooperative Bank for Gazi Mağusa District from 1972 to 1982.

In 1983, he was one of the members of the Constituent Assembly for the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

In December 1983, he was elected as the Chairman of the National Unity Party.

He was elected from Gazi Mağusa as a Member of the TRNC Legislative Assembly in 5 consecutive general elections between 1981 and 1998.

Following 1985 general elections, he became the Prime Minister and until 1993 he stayed on as the Prime Minister.

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Following 1993 general elections, he continued his political life as the main opposition party leader.

On 16th August 1996, he once again became the Prime Minister in the coalition government of National Unity Party and Democrat Party until December 1998.

Following 6th December 1998 general elections, between 31.12.1998-8.6.2001, he was once again the Prime Minister in the coalition government of National Unity Party-Communal Liberation Party and continued to be so in the coalition government of National Unity Party-Democrat Party between 8.6.2001-13.01.2004.

He was reelected as the Chairman of the National Unity Party on 29 November 2008.

On 19th April 2009 early general elections, having secured the majority with 26 seats in the Parliament, he once again became the Prime Minister and formed the National Unity Party Government under his leadership.

On 18th April 2010 he was elected by the people of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus as the President.

He is married with four daughters and 5 grandchildren

He speaks English and Greek.